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
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** OEMS Regulated Facilities Healthcare System Partners

**FROM:** Drexdal Pratt, Chief   
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**SUBJECT:** Disaster Medical Preparedness Conference Save the Date

**DATE:** December 21, 2007

Please save the dates for the first "Disaster Medical Preparedness" Conference slated for April 17 – 19, 2008. This event will be held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

One of our goals is to bring all of the regulated facilities and stakeholder groups together with response agencies such as *Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Public Health and Law Enforcement*. It is important that we hold a meeting of this nature as planning and education is essential to successful preparedness efforts in order to protect our citizens during and after major events such as hurricanes, winter storms or a Pandemic Influenza outbreak. We will be covering several important topics to include the Disaster Evacuation and Evaluation Sheltering Center (DE2SC) initiative. We also hope this conference will help you understand your roles and responsibilities with regards to preparing for a major catastrophic medical event in North Carolina.

We want to insure that all the healthcare stakeholders are up to date with the latest information and projects that are currently underway in North Carolina by the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services and our response partners. This conference on Disaster Medical Preparedness will provide you with opportunities for networking with all of your colleagues and also provide you with valuable information that will assist with your disaster planning efforts. More information on this conference will be forthcoming in the near future. Please feel free to contact Tim Harvey, the project coordinator, at [tim.harvey@ncmail.net](mailto:tim.harvey@ncmail.net) if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your participation and for all that you do and continue to do to serve the citizens of North Carolina.

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